

Home Visiting Program

Rhode Island

Family Visiting, Rhode Island's Home Visiting Program is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2014, home visitors in Rhode Island:

- Made 8,181 home visits to 1,045 parents and children in 675 families
- Enrolled 651 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 4 counties across the state, or 80% of Rhode Island counties

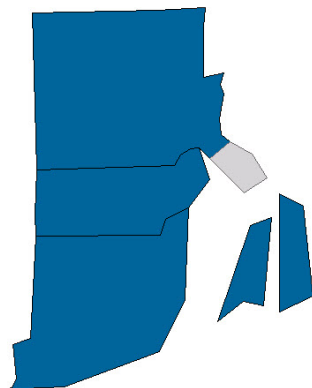
The Home Visiting Program in Rhode Island:

- Has created professional development system of core competencies for all home visitors
- Has implemented a state marketing campaign to promote home visiting services
- Has developed centralized referral and intake system to better coordinate home visiting services

Like all Home Visiting Program grantees, Rhode Island uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Rhode Island leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)

Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2015)*:



*Kent, Newport, Providence, Washington

More about Rhode Island:

[Family Visiting Program](#)

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 Rhode Island Profile](#)

[Maternal & Child Health Measures and Grants in Rhode Island](#)

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.